Vera

Vera, Feb. 25.- "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 6-1.

We are glad to have some clear weather. Farmers are burning plant beds.

Mrs. L. H. Watson and Mrs. T. C. Harvey attended a quilting at Mrs. Dick Webb's on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Richard Carson and Rev. Charles Addington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Richard Carson were in Washington on Saturday.

Mrs. Mack Coleman held a demonstration party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Maude Abbitt in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Childers.

Miss Dorothy Beasley spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley.

Mr. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb on Sunday.

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South Charlestown, W. Va.-When Detective John W. Fenimore, Jr., and Robert W. Parkins finally overtook a stolen car after a chase of several miles, on a mild, 60-mile an-hour ride through city streets, out stepped a 14-year-old boy, who admitted three other auto thefts, and one motorcycle theft. The youth said he had been driving since he was six years old.

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Richard Krantz is shown here receiving the Dairy Farming medal as the outstanding dairy farmer of the disaster, Richard went on to win the district dairy farmer award and to compete in the State Contest. He was state F. F. A. winner of a Brandon silo last summer.

Student Commended

One senior at Appomattox High School has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for distinguished performance in its nation-wide search for students of unusual ability, according to Principal Kenneth W. Christopher.

The student honored is Frank T. Hanenkrat.

He has also been named a Virginia state runner-up in the 1957 Merit Scholarship competition.

"The senior, who is honored today, is among the top one or two per cent in ability in the state," according to John M. Stalnaker, President of NMSC. "While he did not quite reach the finals of the 1957 Merit Scholarship competition, his unusual promise deserves recognition. Indeed, we want to encourage every one of thm to make a special effort to obtain the best college education possible. Both student and country will profit."

As a state runner-up, Frank will be sent a letter of recommendation by NMSC for use in applying to the college he wishes to attend.

The National Merit Scholarship competition provides the largest system of privately financed scholarships in the United States. High schools may enter their most outstanding students in the annual competition. The first hurdle the students face is the "Scholarship Qualifying Test," a high level measurement of potential ability to benefit from a college education.

The Bank of England has reduced its interest rate for lending money from 5½ to 5 per cent. The decrease brought the rate down from its highest rate since 1932.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Bon Voyage, by Marrijane and Joseph Hayes.

Harry Willard, a rather typical father and husband from Terre Haute, Indiana, relates with droll good humor the comic and heart-warming adventures and misadventures that he and his family encountered on an action-packed vacation of six weeks in Europe. During their twenty years of planning for this trip, neither Harry nor his wife, Katie would have dared to predict that they would attend a French family picnic in Normandy, or give his sister-in-law in marriage at the altar of a small French church, or dance in the street on Bastille Day in Paris. For good measure, the three children had some surprising escapades of their own, and the whole family had a rather eventful trip.

The Soviets say they have exceeded their 1956 economic plan by nearly eleven per cent. However they admit some "serious short-comings."

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Virginia 4-H'ers Have Good Year

Old Dominion State 4-H Club members have completed a satisfactory year in their major project work by winning state and national awards. Their 4-H records were judged by the Extension Service of Virginia Polytechnic Institute which directs the national 4-H awards programs.

Bobby Vasko — Loretta Glemming — Garland Craun

Bobby Vasko has outstanding performance in the Public Speaking program won state honors to Patay Hill of Richmond, and Vasko, 15, of Glen Allen. Shell Oil Co. has supported Vasko for the past five years, sending many awards. With 350 talks to her credit as her winning speech for Democracy," the American child's rights in education and work. She is a freshman at Hanover state award was a set of silverware.

Public speaking experience won two trips to 4-H Camp one to short course. Her speech, "The Three Ds of Dairy Breeds," gives historical facts about Ayrs, Jerseys and Holsteins. state winner he was with a handsome 19-karat watch.

Loretta Glemming, 15, of Portsmouth, for five years state winner in the Home Grounds Beautification Contest. In recognition of accomplishments, she was with a beautiful wrist watch. Mrs. Charles R. Walker, Chicago, who has provided awards in this program for years, has won plaques twice for the best 4-H Club member of the year and received two scholarships to short courses. Her family became interested in her project and together they built a cement porch and steps, planted shrubbery, shingled the house and painted storm windows. A broken down fence was replaced with a new one. An old unsafe fireplace was remodelled and an outside chimney added.

Garland Craun was president of her 4-H Club led by W. F. Carter. "Top performance in carrying out the objectives of the 4-H Meat Animal program won state honors for Garland Craun, 16, of Roanoke. He received a handsome watch appropriately inscribed from Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, who has supported 4-H work for 27 years.

Garland raised 20 pigs for pork, 445 sheep and five baby beef. He took over the care of all the pigs on his father's 260 acre farm. Known as a breeder of purebred Hampshires, he sells more than 50 sows a year. In 1955 Garland raised 160 lambs and sold the wool at a good price. In his baby beef project he showed the champion Angus.

Garland is now in his seventh year of 4-H work. His local Club leaders are Mrs. Garvin Stanley and Mrs. Glenver Layman.

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Los Angeles.- James A. Jackson, 65, retired on February 1st, after 31 years as a steamship-line executive. His associates presented him with a watch and a round - trip luxury ticket to Hawaii as retirement gifts. Three days later, while attending a Rotary Club luncheon, Jackson collapsed and died of a heart attack.

JOB "NOT STEADY"

Spokane, Wash.- Retiring after 40 years on the Spokane police force, Detective Henry Teadahl observed: "Well, I knew it wasn't a steady job when I took it." Teadahl held the department's badge No. 1.

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Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Today let us talk about Tuberous Begonias. Now is the time to order tubers and plan to have gorgeous color all summer.

For many years Tuberous Begonias were not known in America. Gardeners had the impression that they were extremely difficult to grow. It is true that they will not thrive if climatic conditions are not ideal for them, but there are few areas in which they cannot be grown.

Tuberous Begonias produce flowers more varied in form and color and over a longer season than any other bulbous plant. They are incomparatively the most colorful of all which, in Northern latitudes, can be grown in the shade.

In general, there are two methods of growing Tuberous Begonias: planting them in ground beds or borders in the open, or carrying them through the seasons in pots. In either case they may be given a running start by bringing the tubers into early growth under glass. The advantage of starting them under glass is that flowering will begin four to eight weeks earlier than when planted in the open. Being tender plants, they cannot be set in the open until after danger of frosts—Tomato - planting time in our vicinity. Unstarted tubers can be set out a week or ten days earlier than growing plants.

The tubers, as received from your seedman, are rough, hairy, and saucer-shaped. They may be purchased from January to May—unless the supply is exhausted before then. If you do not have facilities for starting them indoors, you can purchase growing plants from a local florist, but, of course, these cost more than dormant tubers.

Starting the tubers yourself is a very simple matter, especially as they do not require full sunshine. Any fairly light space in a room where the atmosphere is not too dry will answer the purpose. The ideal temperature for starting the tubers into growth is 55 degrees at night, and 65 to 70 degrees during the day. Any lower temperature will slow the growth of the young plants. A hotbed or cold-frame will do for starting them a month or so in advance of outdoor planting.

The first step is to fill a box or flat, about 3 inches deep, with peatmoss that has been thoroughly moistened. The tubers are pushed down into this until the tops are slightly below the surface. Place them 2 to 3 inches apart each way, concave side up. (Usually pink spout buds will be showing in the hollow of the tuber). An ordinary flat, 13 x 21 inches, will hold from 18 to 36 tubers, according to their size.

Keep the peatmoss moist, but not wet. This is all the care required until the plants are 3 to 5 inches high. Then they should be transplanted to other flats, or to pots or bulb pans large enough to take the mass of roots without crowding. Use a soil mixture of ½ peatmoss, ½ well-rotted manure (or leaf-mold), plus 10 to 15 per cent coarse sand or sandy loam. The soil must be light, porous, and rapidly draining if good results are to be obtained. To one-half of this compost all bone meal or cottonseed meal (or a mixture of both) at the rate of one quart per bushel, and use this in the bottoms of flats or pots when transplanting.

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MAN USED AS IDOL

Accra, Gold Coast.- Tiny Mensah Tohosu, 32, only 2 eet and 7 inches tall, recently reported that his parents had amassed a "fortune" by keeping him in a box, perched on a mound of clay in their hut from which he spoke to people who came to consult him as a fetish idol. The dwarf was brought here by an evangelist to whom he had been taken by his parents when he became sick with acute asthma.

SAVES OWN CHILDREN

Melbourne, Australia.- Mrs. Lilian McCormack, a young mother, dashed into the sea at St. Kilda Beach, to save two drowning children. She was staggered to learn that the children were her own daughters, Fay, 5, and Carol, 7.

NAME REPEATS SELF

Fort Carson, Col.- Every time a basic trainee at this army post is asked to give his name, he repeats himself. His name — Kasper Kasper. He's a private from Detroit, Mich.

Play safe — drive carefully.

London spokesmen report the Russians are developing a nuclear-headed weapon that can climb more than 100 miles into space at speeds of more than 5,000 miles an hour.

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